

REMARKS

Claims 1 to 26; 31 to 33; and 37 to 65 have been withdrawn from consideration. Claims 27 to 30 and 34 to 36 remain. Of these, claims 27 and 29 have been amended, and claims 35 and 36 have been cancelled. Claims 27 to 30 and 34 remain in the application.

The Examiner has objected to the specification because of the following informalities: On page 3, line 29 in the brief description of the drawings, the specification states that Figure 10B is a perspective view of Figure 7A. However, from the drawings and the detailed description, it appears that Figure 10B is a perspective view of Figure 10A. Applicant has corrected the specification in accordance with the Examiner's suggestion.

The Examiner has rejected claims 27 to 30 and 34 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Goldhaber et al. (5,269,946). The Examiner has not given patentable weight to the claim elements "being sized and configured to hold" found as claimed in claim 27, as originally filed.

Claim 27 has been amended to positively claim the presence, in the auxiliary container, of a synthetic platelet additive solution comprising an aqueous solution comprising sodium chloride, sodium citrate, sodium acetate, and sodium phosphate for conditioning a platelet concentrate mixture for pathogen inactivation in the presence of a selected pathogen inactivating compound selected from a group comprising psoralens, methylene blue, dimethyl-methylene blue, riboflavin, or PEN 110, or combinations thereof. Goldhaber does not teach or suggest, in a sterile, closed blood processing system, the presence of a synthetic platelet additive solution for conditioning a platelet concentrate mixture for pathogen inactivation, as defined in amended claim 27. Goldhaber does not teach, suggest, or comprehend the use of a sterile, closed blood processing system for conditioning a platelet concentrate for pathogen inactivation.

Claims 27 to 30 and 34 are believed to be in condition for allowance.

Respectfully Submitted,

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